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Subject: heavy tows and NY, MI

Hi Deputy

I have heard back from my counterparts in both NY and MI.

Both discussed internally and connected with their state police and departments of transportation.

MI confirmed they aren't aware of who may have offered ON support with heavy tows around the Windsor crossings. If it was through political channels they wouldn't have been aware, or they assume another avenue may have been a private contractor(s) from their side of the border extending the offer independently. Regardless, MI as well as NY confirmed that neither state have publicly owned heavy tow vehicles that they could offer. They both contact out those tow services and their contracts are very specific about areas of tows so they aren't sure they could even use those contracts to offer them up to us.

If there was a formal request from ON then we would facilitate it with them and they would consider and look into what is possible but it would likely be through private contractors. And personally, from what I heard, a response is unlikely to be quick or successful and it may be better for players on this side of the border (OPP or the municipal police service or other municipal organization) to try contract directly with private tow operators on the US side themselves (however, NY atleast has indicated their department of transportation has been told by their contracted tow operators that they wont tow vehicles if related to convoys).

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